



Trinity Tidings

April 30, 2021

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Prayer List - to submit a prayer request click [here](#).

Altar Flowers - if you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers click [here](#).

Stay at Home, Stay Connected

We worship on Sunday mornings at 9am [here](#).

You can find the Sunday bulletin [here](#).

There's a coloring sheet for children (or adults!) based on the Sunday lessons that you can print out at home [here](#). If you can't print at home, e-mail [Karen Van Winkle](#) and she will print a few weeks' worth and mail them to you.

We say Compline on Wednesdays at 8pm [here](#).

You can find the Compline bulletin [here](#).

Zoom meetings require a password to enter, but you should be able to bypass that by clicking on these links. The password for all Zoom meetings, except the Youth Sunday School, is trinity.

- **Young Adults** are meeting on Mondays at 7pm on Zoom [here](#).
- **Altar Guild** is meeting on Tuesdays at 11:30am on Zoom and would love for you to join them [here](#)
- **Qi Gong**, practice of simple movements, meditations, and breathing practices, on Zoom on Tuesday at 5:30pm [here](#).
- **Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 11am is meeting on Zoom and would love for you to join us [here](#). The lesson for next Wednesday is John 15:9-17.
- **Trinity Wednesdays** is meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom [here](#).
- **Thrift Shop Volunteers** meet on Zoom at 10am on Thursdays and all are invited [here](#)
- **9am & 11:15am Choirs** meet on Zoom on Thursdays at 7pm [here](#).

- **St. Martha's Guild** meets on Zoom on Fridays at 11am [here](#)
- Fr. Todd is hosting a **parish-wide Social Hour** on Zoom every Friday at 5pm [here](#).
- **The children's Sunday story time video** is [here](#) and the conversation starters/questions are [here](#).
- **Youth Sunday School** for middle and high school students meets on Zoom on Sundays at 10:15am [here](#).
- **Sunday School for Adults** meets on Zoom on Sundays at 10:15am [here](#).
- **The recording** of last Sunday's Sunday School for Adults is [here](#).

The parish office is closed. Barbara and Fr. Todd are in and out of the office to take care of mail, finances, and other essential work to keep the parish running. If you need to be in touch with any of us, e-mail us or call us (Fr. Todd's mobile: 916.367.9281) or call the church office (916.985.2495), which has been rerouted to go to Barbara's mobile phone. If you e-mail Fr. Todd [tbruce@trinityfolsom.org] or Barbara [trinity@trinityfolsom.org], we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Word of the Week

Our word of the week is [oblation](#). An oblation is an offering. When we collect an offering in church, we might refer to it as our oblation, and the bread and wine offered by the congregation for the Eucharist are called the oblations. But oblation as an offering can also have a deeper theological and liturgical meaning; read the glossary entry to find out more!

Construction Pic of the Week



As part of our project, we've added quite a few parking spaces on the Mormon Street side of our campus. And in all of our parking, we've added this white space delineators and parking bumpers to make our parking space usage more efficient. The parking bumpers were installed this week, and we've noticed that people are already parking correctly in relation to them and not wasting space. Why didn't we just paint lines to mark the spaces? It isn't allowed under the historic district code for this block, but the city was very open to permitting anything we could come up with that would meet the code, and this was the solution at which we arrived. We are hopeful that this will also eliminate one of the things that drives Fr. Todd crazy: pulling up on Sunday morning to find cars from Saturday night parallel parked in our spots!

Communion Sunday ~ This Sunday, May 2nd

This Sunday is a Communion Sunday. Just pull up into the Wool Street parking spaces between **1pm and 3pm** to collect your consecrated hosts, and then tune in on the **Facebook page** that evening at 7pm for a very short liturgy during which we will all take Communion.

If you would like to receive Communion but can't get to the church that afternoon, e-mail [Fr. Todd](#) and let him know. Our Altar Guild has volunteered to pick up and deliver hosts to those who can't get to the church.

Reopening Planning

We are planning on reopening the campus for worship gatherings on Trinity Sunday, May 30th. At the moment, we're planning on returning to our usual schedule: 7:30am, 9am, 11:15am, and 7pm. We don't know yet what precautions we will have in place, but they will certainly include requiring masking to attend in person, and, at least initially, distancing. Because we won't be able to operate at full capacity when we first reopen, we'll have overflow seating in the Parish Hall, broadcast the service there, and the folks in the Parish Hall will come over to the church to take Communion. Not ideal, we know, but we're living in interesting times and are doing the best we can. We're also planning on continuing to broadcast services online, probably permanently, so if you're not ready to gather yet, or if you aren't comfortable with the requirements to attend in person, we'll still be online. Look for more information soon!

Trinity Trekkers ~ Friday, May 7th

After our pandemic pause, we're thrilled that Trinity Trekkers will be walking next Friday, May 7th. Meet outside the Trinity Thrift Shop at 9am, and we will do the Folsom town walk...and finish off with a bit of the Johnny Cash trail. Per the new CDC guidance, masks are not required, unless you're unvaccinated, but you might want to bring one with you just in case you want to stop somewhere or we go through a particularly crowded place. Let's be smart. Bring the standard walk amenities: water, sunscreen, a hat, etc. All walkers, leashed dogs, kids in strollers welcome. ~ Judy Pinney, Head Trekker

Notes from the Vestry

Hello all! The vestry met again last Tuesday, April 20th. We heard updates on our building project which we are thrilled is finally drawing to a close! We also heard updates on work being done on the Thrift Store; although work on that building wasn't initially planned to be part of this phase of the project, there were some things like fixing the roof that couldn't be delayed any longer, and other repairs (hazmat work like removing the layers of lead paint and asbestos, dry rot remediation) that it made more sense to do while the store was closed anyway. But we are thrilled that they are working on a (tentative) reopening date in early summer, and reviewed plans for the reopening of the rest of the church as well. We are so excited to see people in person again soon, but are trying to make sure we do so as safely as possible. So, if you haven't already, sign up to be vaccinated so that we can help protect those among us like the kids in the congregation who can't yet get their dose! ~ Shannon Dillon, Senior Warden

Congratulations Graduates!

If you or your children are graduating from high school college, graduate school, boot camp, whatever, we would love to include you in our prayers, and to learn what is next for you. E-mail [Fr. Todd](#) and let him know!

Annual Mother's Day Diaper & Tampon Collection

Mother's Day this year is Sunday, May 9th. Every year for Mother's Day, we honor mothers by helping mothers in need, collecting diapers and menstrual hygiene products to donate to local food banks (and the Folsom-Cordova Community Partnership Diaper Bank), where they are much in demand. These products are necessary and expensive; imagine struggling to pay rent and buy food for your family, and also desperately needing diapers, tampons, and pads.

We usually collect the items and stack them in front of the altar that Sunday as part of our offering to God. But with the church building out of commission for a few more weeks, and a lack of storage space in general on campus as our construction project draws to a close, we've decided to collect money this year and donate it for the purpose of buying these products. You can send a check (memo: Mother) or cash (please include a note indicating it is for the Mother's Day collection) to the church office (801 Figueroa St, Folsom CA 95630), or you can easily and quickly make a donation online on the Facebook post announcing the collection – it is pinned to the top of our Facebook page. Facebook has currently waived all transaction fees for registered non-profits, so we'll get every dollar you give.

Music Notes ~ The Baby in the Test Tubes

This week's opening hymn is "We know that Christ is raised and dies no more." The hymn is not actually about babies being born in test tubes. But the author, John Geyer, a British Congregationalist minister, Old Testament scholar, and tutor at Cheshunt College in Cambridge, England, was inspired by the research happening at other schools in Cambridge on living cells, and, in particular, the so-called "test tube babies." He was interested in relating the doctrine of baptism to these experiments in a bold and different way. Unfortunately, this is lost since many alterations have minimized this connection. Some of the original lines were...

 "this union brings to being one new cell,"

 "As living and organic parts of Christ," and

 "The Spirit's fission" (when a cell divides into two or more)

While the image of a baby in a test tube is quite a strange one, indeed, Geyer cleverly sought to frame our rebirth in baptism with the work of scientists in their effort to understand living cells. "As new creatures, we, through Baptism, become part of Christ's new body" (The Hymnal 1982 Companion). ~ Dr. Brett Judson, Director of Music

Trinity Wednesdays

Trinity Wednesdays is meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom [here](#). We're reading Adam Hamilton's Half Truths. For the 5th, read chapter four. A few questions to guide your reading and our discussion are [here](#).

Sunday School

Sunday School for Adults meets after church at 10:15am on Zoom [here](#). This Sunday, we're going to hear Jesus' teaching on divorce and reflect on what it's about and how we might understand it today.

For youth in **middle and high school**, we're hosting a live Zoom with Karen on Sunday morning at 10:15am [here](#). A special password is required to access this Zoom; e-mail [Karen](#) to get it.

For our **younger children**, who would have attended Children's Chapel and the kindergarten and elementary Sunday School classes, Director of Children's Ministries Karen Van Winkle is hosting a story time. She'll be telling a story while she builds it out of Legos, and she'll invite the children watching to build with her – or draw, or whatever creative activity they like. This is a prerecorded video; it will be posted on our Facebook page after Sunday service and saved in the videos section of our Facebook page, or you can watch it before Sunday morning by clicking [here](#). Karen has also prepared some questions and conversation starters for you to use during or after watching the video; you can find those [here](#).

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